

THE ADMINISTRATION

Sunday afternoon was a beautiful day. The Second Baptist Church Lyceum was crowded with a representative audience. The singing and playing under the direction of Mrs. Height were well executed. At four o'clock President Mitchell called the Lyceum to order, and the chaplain, Rev. L. C. Moore, opened the exercises with prayer. After several vocal selections, under the direction of Mrs. Height, Mr. W. Calvin Chase was introduced and read a paper entitled "The Administration." At the conclusion of his address the following persons participated in the discussion: Mr. George W. Jackson, Mr. Shelby Davidson, Attorney A. W. Scott, Attorney Gilchrist Stewart of New York, Mr. Gordon and others. The following is the speech of Mr. Chase:

Mr. President:

Are we Americans under the Constitution of the United States or are we the hewers of wood and the drawers of water? Have our 44 years of freedom improved our condition or are we retrograding? In the American body politic we have retrograded, but commercially we have kept pace with the so-called Anglo-Saxon civilization. Whatever may be the shortcomings of the American Negro, he stands today the equal of the white man, notwithstanding the estimate that the present administration may place upon him. The colored American has been used politically to such extent that today he is regarded a non-entity in the body politic. By deception, and political chicanery the present administration obtained its ascendancy, and drove to it the faithful black allies by holding out to them a door-of-hope policy, sandwiched in by the appointment to office of trimmers and apologists, whose jaws are locked so tightly that the rocks of Gibraltar are as apologists to them. By false hopes, broken promises, deception and political chicanery the colored Americans stand alone on a precipice, and in the deep beyond there is a glimmering light and he looks, and looks and says to himself, "If I go backwards there is death, and if I remain on this precipice I go into eternity." What hope has he? What man among you can direct him? Never before in the history of governments has the condition of the colored Americans been so deplorable. The Administration like a reptile, day by day feeds to the reptiles the sacred bodies of men whose patriotism is never questioned, whose valor has always been applauded and whose ambition has been the diadem of past ages.

Our government declares Equality of man and the Constitution says that the rights of American Citizenship shall be protected upon land and upon sea, irrespective of color or condition. But is this so? Are not the false declarations of political parties the panacea of political deception? Point out to me, if you please, one among you who has been placed in power and given a position of honor and trust that will dare to say to the Administration that its customs are barbarous and its acts brutal. In every department of the general government do we not see and feel acts of discrimination? Do we not see our women isolated and discriminated against because of their color, and the man who has been elected by the votes of the American people, continues to feed the reptiles by acts most damnable and in the hour of despair he realizes the result of his false ambition? The apologists of the Administration are the constituents of a betrayed race. The apologists of the Administration tell us that its acts are sacred and its promises shall be realized. O, what treachery! A noble and great race betrayed as Caesar was by those whose lives he saved. O, Rome, whose regal splendor was once the light of the world, a republic that was overturned by arch traitors and whose people suffered to satisfy a false ambition! The colored Americans are realizing the same conditions of the Dark Ages or ancient Rome's civilization. Men, that lived then committed heinous offenses against those whose deeds were most sacred and whose services were most beneficial to the republic. The condition of the American colored man today is a recognition of ancient civilization. We may ask the question, how can man be so ungrateful? "Gratitude is the fairest flower that blooms in the human heart; ingratitude is stranger than traitors' arms." Out of a Senate that represents over 250 million souls, ten millions of whom are colored Americans, it has one man who dares to declare by word and law, that the administration has committed a blunder. That the Administration has been false to its trust, that the Administration is catering to Southern prejudices to the detriment of ten millions of brave and loyal colored Americans. If the so-called repre-

sentatives of the colored Americans have not the temerity to demand the enforcement of the fundamental principles of the Constitution, let them remain quiet; let them continue to suck the tit of Uncle Sam and allow the men of the race to say that present conditions under the administration are menaces to them and that their advice is an impediment rather than a benefit. We are told that the present Secretary of War will succeed the present incumbent in the White House. What is the duty of the colored Americans? Can they afford to give their suffrages to him? Why should the colored American for policy's sake place a man in power whom he knows to be against him? Let him be not surprised when the crown is offered him. Let him know that we take no part in the Coronations. The future destiny of the colored Americans is in their hands. He doesn't have to fall over the precipice unless he wants to do so. He doesn't have to return and run against the enemies' bayonettes unless he desires. What acts have the present Administration executed that have been beneficial to the colored Americans? What laws have been enforced looking to his protection? Wherever you go under the general government, we see evidences of the alleged superiority of the white man. No matter what our ability is, we are reminded that we belong to a race that has no rights that the white man must respect.

Our Women.

Efforts have been made to pass laws to protect the purity of white women, but so far as our women are concerned we are told that they are not entitled to any respect. Who will dare to deny this assertion? The general government under the present administration has no respect for our women.

The white man has debauched our women to such extent and he continues to do so, until he is afraid that his own women see more virtue in the colored American than they do in him. Notwithstanding his continued pursuit of our women he becomes indignant when we attempt to protect them. The heart of the colored man bleeds when he sees his women insulted in public inns and upon common carriers. Shall we die without a struggle? Have you no manhood? The white man sees nothing in our men or women. The colored servant is no more to him in the public eye than a cow, but, like a hound he pursues her in private. If there is one spark of manhood left in the colored American he should give this administration to understand that our women, in certain branches of the government, are insulted. That the prejudice is so great that we are of the opinion that the Chief Executive indorses it. That there is a certain branch of the general government under the present administration that rejects our women when they are certified by the Civil Service Commission. In the Bureau of Engraving, a part of the government, over one hundred white women have been appointed within three or four months and not one colored woman, and a very few colored women promoted. Colored men who are doing the same work as the white men receive less pay. And the declaration is that no colored man or woman will get a promotion if it can be stopped. It can be seen that the servants of our government under the direct supervision of the present Administration have established a rule of discrimination which seems to have the sanction of the Executive. A government thus established and so conducted is in violation of our federal constitution, and if the Chief Executive, whoever he may be, fails to enforce the Constitution is subjected to impeachment. Some of the most drastic measures have been adopted by this administration, so much so that the better thinking people have become alarmed. It is indeed, a conjecture whether they are living under a republic or a tyrannical monarchy. Rulers of a monarchical form of government arrogate to themselves absolute authority. Antiquity records the fall of the Tarquins, which forced "Lucius Junius Brutus" to sacrifice the head of his son to uphold the purity and sovereignty of the Roman people. As civilization progressed, historians recorded acts of governments and characters of rulers which tended to show enlightenment. But, conditions today show that history is repeating itself. The colored American is the bone of contention. He is the target for political parties and subjects to satisfy the greed of politicians. It is the most forgiving race upon the globe and the most abused. It is the most loyal race, but the most injured. It is the most honest race but the most accused for offenses of which it is not guilty. In speaking of

Our Leadership.

In connection with Administrations, it has been too easily intoxicated with

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Will Appeal To The People

CITIZENS TO MEET.

The citizens of this city will hold a conference next week looking to the organization of a protective league. The conference will be composed of some of the most representative citizens in Washington. Full particulars will appear later.

DU BOIS DENIES IT.

Recently the Negro Annex of the Jamestown Exposition sent out to individuals and newspapers under the government frank, an item which among other things stated:

"Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois is to prepare an exhibit along educational and sociological lines."

This announcement was received with astonishment and incredulity by those familiar with Dr. Du Bois' views with reference to the matter. In a letter to Mr. L. M. Hershaw who sent the announcement, to him for information, Dr. Du Bois says:

Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 22, 1907.

Dear Hershaw:

The statement that I am preparing



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an exhibit for Jamestown or intend to is an impudent lie, and you may publish this as you please.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) W. E. B. Du Bois.

THE CARDOZO CASE.

The sensible people in this community are satisfied that the suggestion that The Bee made last week in the Cardozo case was just the thing. Indignation meetings will not help Mr. Cardozo, as The Bee stated before. The members of the Board of Education have been grossly misrepresented by those who have no interest whatever in the public schools. Dr. Chancellor, the superintendent, was charged with being inimical to the colored schools, which was unfounded.

The Bee doesn't charge Prof. Cardozo with being responsible for what other people do. The mistake that Prof. Cardozo made was, he had too many free advisers. The Bee doesn't refer to his advisers; it means outsiders. The Bee still believes that Superintendent Chancellor and the Board of Education are willing to give Prof. Cardozo's friends a hearing. The members of the Board of Education are human and have feeling. They are entitled to be treated with respect and consideration. Let the friends of Prof. Cardozo make a respectful appeal to the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

GALBRAITH.

The members of Galbraith Church observed the holy week. The pastor, S. L. Corrothers had services twice a day for this week. On Sunday, March 31, there will be a grand rally, every member being expected to pay a dollar. Rev. I. C. Withrow has assisted Dr. S. L. Corrothers in his services this week and the meetings have attracted attention.

The stewardesses of the church, Mrs. Mamie Tapscott, president, have decided to decorate the church, making it most pleasing and suitable for the occasion. The Sunday school has arranged for their exercises to be held at 3 P. M.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN OF PHILADELPHIA GIVE GRAND BANQUET IN HONOR OF DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 23.—One hundred and seventy-five gentlemen representing the strongest forces in the business, professional and religious life of the Quaker City, sat down last night at the finest banquet known in the history of this place in the commodious Musical Fund Hall. The elaborate function was tendered in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington, and the enthusiastic reception accorded him by this company of leading lawyers, ministers, teachers, journalists, physicians, officers of the business and municipal governments, insurance men, merchants of every description and business factors of the highest commercial rating, gave convincing testimony to the warm place held by the eminent Tuskegeean in the hearts of the real people of Philadelphia—the people who have lived in the Quaker metropolis all their lives and who have created the substance that has given them the right to claim the deepest respect of their neighbors of all races.

Dr. Washington was never in better

ington was accompanied by Mr. Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second District of New York, whose presence was one of the inspiring features of the occasion, and by Messrs. R. W. Thompson and J. R. Cox. Prayer as offered by Rev. Alexander Gordon. Fred Forman's orchestra, concealed behind an immense bank of ferns, discoursed sweet music throughout the repast. The T-shaped table was beautifully decorated with silver candelabra, potted plants, and the service was flawless. Following is

The Menu.

Blue Points on half-shell	Consomme
Terrapin	Saratoga Chips
Roast Capon	Potatoes
String Beans	Roman Punch
Blaunched Almonds	Waldorf Salad
Pecans	Baked Virginia Ham
Cheese	Crackers
Ice Cream	Fancy Cakes
Black Coffee	Cigars

The Speeches.

When the hour for beginning the program had been reached, Toastmaster Asbury introduced in turn the speakers, his individual comments being most felicitous. Those who spoke were men who are "doing things," and the tone of each address was optimistic to the last degree. Their utterances bore the stamp of authority because the speakers were themselves pronounced successes in the particular field of endeavor they discussed. The facts and figures brought forward indicated that the enterprising business men of the Quaker City are wide-awake—alive to every opportunity to advance their commercial interests, and that the professional and ministerial elements are putting their shoulders to the wheel with an enthusiasm and directness that betokens gratifying results. The reports from the building and loan associations of the homes that have been builded, the expressions of the medical men who are in private practice or engaged in developing hospitals, officials in the civil service, real estate dealers, heads of department stores, practical engineers and skilled mechanics, wholesale and retail dealers in various commodities, and men who handle daily the large affairs of their own or who serve others, came as a revelation to those whose attention had not been specifically called to the wonderful progress that the colored people of the city are making in so many helpful directions. The order of exercises was as follows:

A Business Symposium.

"Journalism"—Mr. C. J. Perry, editor of the Philadelphia Tribune.

"Building and Loan Associations"—"Religious Unity"—Rev. Clarence Parconstructive influence of the National risk.

"Colored Men in the Civil Service"—Mr. William H. Jones, City Street Commissioner.

"Ministers in Business"—Bishop L. J. Coppin.

"Hospital Work of Negro Physicians"—Dr. E. C. Howard.

"Commercial Incorporations"—Mr. Samuel Brown.

"Civic Righteousness"—Rev. Henry L. Phillips.

"Industrial Insurance"—Mr. R. A. Cooper.

"The Gents' Furnishing Business"—Mr. A. E. Makell.

"The Industrial Idea for Pennsylvania"—Rev. W. A. Credit.

"The Negro Engineer"—Mr. Preston C. Slove.

"The Negro Department Store"—Mr. R. S. Jackson.

"The Real Estate Business"—Mr. Charles H. Sandidge.

"The Negro Physician"—Dr. Algeron S. Jackson, Mercy Hospital.

"Our Guest"—Rev. W. G. Parks.

Before the response of the guest of honor to the interesting remarks of the evening, Mr. Clarence W. Anderson, of New York, one of the race's most popular characters, was introduced, and delivered a stirring address. It fairly bristled with good points; it was witty, forcible and eloquent. Mr. Anderson was in his happiest vein, and paid an especially high tribute to the work and worth of the world's greatest industrialist, whom he described as "the worst abused and most lavishly flattered man of the race, yet one who was unsoiled by the one and unspoiled by the other. Mr. Anderson's lofty estimate of the guest of the evening was applauded to the echo.

Dr. Washington Pleads for Creators of Opportunities.

When the distinguished educator in whose honor the magnificent function was planned arose to speak, the great company arose en masse and amid tumultuous cheers, gave him the Chattanooga salute.

The prevailing strain of the "Wiz-

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PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY MISS BEATRIZ L. CHASE.

The report that the suit of Miss Annie D. Manley of Boston against Philipe Marcon is to be dropped, is denied. It is peculiar, but nevertheless true, that the names of the most prominent men and women among the descendants of American slaves begin with the letter W: Washington (Mr. B. T.), Walker (Mrs. Maggie L.), both products of the South.

Mr. R. W. Thompson's Short Flights in the Freeman are spicy. From accounts the Birmingham Presbytery is very much in need of ministers.

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened last Wednesday at Mt. Zion Church, Georgetown, Rev. Perkins, pastor.

The remains of Miss Edwina McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McCabe, were carried to Topeka, Kansas, and buried.

Mrs. Frank Hubbard, of Macon, Ga., whose husband is widely known, after many years of suffering from rheumatism, died at her home last week.

The death of Mrs. Gibson was a shock to her son, Prof. Gibson, who is now filling engagements at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The subject of the address before the high school of Baltimore by Dr. W. P. Thirkield was "Higher Education."

Miss Mattie Bowen addressed the Women's Baptist Convention at the Union Baptist Church, Baltimore. Her subject was "Open Your Mouth."

Rev. Norman, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

If talk means anything the Negro Exhibit at Charleston ought to eclipse all former attempts.

It is reported that Miss Lady Emma Louise Phillips, of Nashville, Tenn., was the only colored lady among the 140 who took part recently in a chorus presented at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Senator Berthelot and his wife, who died March the 18th at Paris, were entombed in state in the Pantheon last Monday at Paris.

The trial of William Johnson, alias George Midget, colored, under indictment for the murder of Charles Smith took place last Wednesday at Alexander, Va.

William L. Church, a contractor of Kansas City, Mo., was found last Monday after an eight year's search, in the hospital for the insane at Dunning, Ill.

Nicholas Flamm a prominent farmer of Meyersdale, Pr., drank a pint of kerosene by mistake, thinking it was water.

Frank Tesmer, a horseshoer at Chicago, was killed one day this week while clipping a horse by electric power.

A bomb was thrown at Gov. Gen. Bogalevski last Tuesday at Bialystok, Russia, while he was out driving.

William Hall, colored, who was arrested on the charge of attempting assault on two very small white girls in Richmond, Va., was found not to be the guilty one and was discharged.

Owing to the recent floods, great suffering is said to be existing among the people in Middley, Ohio.

THE JUVENILE COURT.

There are many cases of youthful offenders tried in the Juvenile Court of that court that many a youth is reformed by the kindly but positive admonition that the judge gives. It is a pleasure to sit and listen to the kind-hearted judge when he admonishes these young offenders and the promises he gets from them to do better and to live a better life. There is nothing vindictive in Judge De Lacy. There is nothing crude or harsh in his sentences. He does not look for guilt. He goes on the theory that every defendant that is brought to his court is innocent until the contrary is established. He takes great care and pains to get at the truth. He has patience as well as good judgment. He reads human nature and is quick to discern in the child whether it has had proper home training. He knows no child by the color of his skin. All offenders, black or white, receive the same fair and impartial treatment from him.

THE TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH.

About 125 members of the Trinity Baptist Church, formerly members of Shiloh Church, went to that church two weeks ago and their letters of withdrawal were given to them. Everything is working smoothly in both churches and Revs. Waldron and Taylor are on the best of terms. The Trinity will go into its new quarters the first Sunday in May, at which time there will be a grand rally.

Former Seantor Burton of Kansas, in a statement made, asserts that Roosevelt is a hypocrite.